

**HFS 46.095 Exceptions and additional requirements for care of school-age children.**

(1) **APPLICABILITY.** This section applies to group child care centers that serve only school-age children and group child care centers that serve school-age children in groups separate from children who are under 5 years of age. This section does not apply to group child care centers where school-age children are served in groups with children under 5 years of age.

(2) **EXCEPTIONS FOR GROUP CHILD CARE CENTERS SERVING ONLY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.** All requirements under ss. HFS 46.04 to 46.08 and 46.11 apply to group child care centers serving school-age children, except for the following requirements:

- (a) Section HFS 46.06(2)(b) but only in regard to protection of electrical outlets.
- (b) Section HFS 46.06(8)(d) and (e) relating to shelves and storage space for clothing and personal belongings.
- (c) Section HFS 46.06(11)(b)6. concerning a permanent enclosure of outdoor space. Where hazards exist, such as traffic or bodies of water, the boundaries of outdoor play space shall be made known to the children.
- (d) Section HFS 46.05(1)(e)2., relating to training for assistant child care teachers.
- (e) Section HFS 46.05(3)(b), relating to supervision of children, does not apply to children 8 years of age and older in the building.

(3) **EXCEPTIONS FOR GROUP CHILD CARE CENTERS SERVING ONLY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS.** The following requirements do not apply to group child care centers serving only school-age children in school buildings currently in use as school buildings:

- (a) Section HFS 46.05(1)(e)2., relating to training for assistant child care teachers.
- (b) Section HFS 46.06(1)(a) on maintaining a building inspection report.
- (c) Section HFS 46.06(4)(a) on fire extinguishers.
- (d) Section HFS 46.06(4)(j) on testing smoke detectors and fire alarms.
- (dm) Section HFS 46.06(5)(c) on the requirement that garbage containers be covered. All other requirements of this section shall be met.
- (e) Section HFS 46.06(6)(b) on testing well water.

**Note:** The requirements in pars. (b) to (e) do not apply to centers serving only school-age children in school buildings because school buildings are covered in chs. Comm 61 to 65 and NR 109.

(4) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP CHILD CARE CENTERS SERVING SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.**

- (a) *Supervision.*
  - 1. A center serving school-age children is responsible for the health, safety and well-being of a child between the time the child arrives at the center and the time the child is released to the parent or to another activity which is specifically authorized in writing by the parent.

**46.095(4)(a)2.**

2. The center shall have on file an agreement, signed by the parent, which specifies the attendance schedule to be followed and authorizes the child's release to activities away from the center.

*See HFS 46.04(6)(a)5 Authorization from the parent outlining the plan for a school-age child to come to the center and to go from the center to school, home or other activities.*

**Note:** The licensee may use either the Department's form CFS-0104, Child Care School-Age Agreement, or the licensee's own form for securing the parent's signed agreement. Information on how to obtain the Department's form is in Appendix E.

*See HFS 46.04(6)(a)3., Authorization from the parent to transport child to and from the center, when transportation is provided.*

3. School-age children 8 years of age and older may be authorized by staff to participate in activities in the building away from direct supervision by center staff.

*School-age children under age 8 must be supervised by a child care worker at all times.*

**(b) Staff qualifications.**

1. The administrator of a center serving only school-age children shall meet the requirements in s. HFS 46.05(1)(b)2. and 3. or the requirements in s. HFS 46.05(1)(b)2. along with department-approved experience, credits or courses in elementary education, physical education, child guidance or recreation or other department-approved training.

2. A center director or child care teacher of a center serving only school-age children shall meet the requirements of s. HFS 46.05(1)(c) or (d), as appropriate, or shall substitute for those requirements department-approved experience, credits or approved courses in elementary education, physical education, child guidance, recreation or other department-approved training.

*The 10 hours of training in the care of school-age children required for a school-age assistant child care worker may not be used to meet entry-level training requirements for a school-age teacher or center director. Experience gained as a school-age assistant child care worker may be counted towards the experience requirement.*

3. Each assistant child care teacher shall have satisfactorily completed 10 hours of training in the care of school-age children or equivalent as approved by the department within 6 months after assuming the position.

*A person qualified under HFS 46.05(1)(e) as an assistant child care worker is also qualified as a school-age assistant child care worker. 10 hours of training in the care of school-age children is not required in this case. The requirement is for **either/or**, not both courses.*

**(c) Program.** A center serving school-age children shall have a planned program which provides a change from the routine of school through provision of:

1. Rest and quiet areas.
2. Recreational activities, including outdoor and active play.
3. Freedom for children to select and plan their own activities.

**46.095(4)(d)**

*(d) Meals and snacks.*

1. Children enrolled in school who are attending the center when a meal or snack is served shall be offered the meal or snack.
2. School-age children present after school shall be served a snack.